



# USS LST-831

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Builder: American Bridge Company, Ambridge, Pennsylvania

Commissioned: 8 November 1944

Decommissioned: 15 April 1946

Disposition: Sold for commercial operations on 8 July 1947 to Compania, Naviera, Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina; her ultimate fate is unknown.

Length: 327' 9" oa

Beam: 50'

Draft: 1' 6" bow, 7' 5" stern (unloaded); 8' 2" bow, 14' 1" stern (loaded -- at sea); 3' 1" bow, 9' 6" (loaded -- beaching)

Displacement: 1,625 (light); 4,080 (w/ full load of 2,100 tons)

Propulsion: 2 x General Motors 12-567 diesels, twin shafts/rudders

Range: 24,000 nm @ 9 knots

Top Speed: 11.6 knots

Complement: 111

Troops: 163

Initial Armament: 7 x 40mm (single mount); 6 x 20 mm (single mount); 2 x .50-caliber mgs; 4 x .30-caliber mgs

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## **Commanding Officers:**

LT Robert T. Leary, USCGR

LT D. H. Treadwell

LT C. C. Tomshack

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## History:

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#### **LST Flotilla 29, Group 87, Division 174**

The Coast Guard-manned USS *LST-831* was built by the American Bridge Company, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and after being ferried down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers was commissioned at New Orleans on 8 November 1944. Her first commanding officer was LT Robert T. Leary, USCGR. From November 17th to November 30th, she was at St. Andrews Bay, Florida, on shakedown training and exercises, after which she was loaded at Theodore, Alabama, with 1,000 tons of ammunition for Ulithi and departed Mobile on 17 December 1944.

The *831* reached Ulithi via the Canal Zone, San Diego, Pearl Harbor and Eniwetok on 18 February 1945 and after discharging her cargo departed on 1 March 1945 for Guam and Saipan. There on March 11th, she loaded 326 officers and men of "L Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, and after a three day rehearsal, she got underway for Okinawa on March 25th, as part of the Demonstration Tractor Group that made feints at the southeastern coast of Okinawa on the morning of Love Day and Love Plus 1 (April 1st and 2nd, 1945). No damage was suffered though suicide attacks were made on LSTs to port, one (*LST-884*) being completely gutted by fire after being so hit. On the morning of Love Day (April 1, 1945) 148 officers and men of the 2nd Marines were taken aboard from the USS *Hinsdale* (APA-120) which had received a suicide plane in the engine room. No troops were disembarked at this time and after laying off Okinawa until April 11th, the *831* returned to Saipan and disembarked the troops except for small maintenance details for equipment which remained on board. On 22 May 1945, 350 officers and men of "K" Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Regiment, 2nd Marine Division were embarked with additional equipment.

Departing for Okinawa on May 24th, the troops aboard were landed in the assault of Iheya Shima from June 3rd to June 5th, 1945, operations being held up somewhat by threatened bad weather. Departing Okinawa June 10th, she arrived at Leyte on the 15th and after six days availability departed June 29th, again for Okinawa. During the next two months two trips were made to Okinawa carrying Fifth Air Force personnel and equipment from Southern Luzon and returning with units of the 706th Tank Battalion. During these stays at Okinawa considerable fog oil was expended in making smoke but no ammunition in repulsing enemy plane attacks. No personnel casualties were suffered.

As news of Japan's surrender was received on 15 August 1945, she was steaming into Leyte Gulf with a cargo consigned for Iloilo, Panay, Philippine Islands, where she arrived on the 20th. From there she went to Tacloban, Lemery and Batangas where she took aboard half of the 760th Field Artillery

Battalion for transportation to Yokohama. She arrived there 17 September 1945, and returned to Batangas, via Manila, 3 October 1945, where elements of the 3075th QM Baking Company, 43rd Engineer CB and 1180th Construction Group embarked for Yokohama via Manila and Subic Bays. She left Yokohama October 25th, for Manila via Okinawa arriving 3 November 1945. From there she went to Saipan.

Departing Saipan 13 December 1945, she reached New Orleans on 24 February 1946, via Pearl Harbor, San Francisco and the Canal Zone. Here she was decommissioned 15 April 1946.

The *LST-831* earned one battle star for her service during World War II.

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The LST-831 approaching the beach at Okinawa on D-Day, 1 April 1945.  
Note the unauthorized letters "USCG" stenciled on her inner hull above the main ramp.



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